

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 172  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Cherie Abner and the Westmoreland High School Girls' Basketball Team on 2003 TSSAA Region 4 Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland High School girls' basketball program is renowned for its perennial stature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive stature in the world of high school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland High School Lady Eagles achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2003 season, compiling a record of 31-3 and winning the TSSAA Region 4 Championship; and

WHEREAS, drawing upon their extraordinary athletic ability and the enthusiasm of their hometown crowds, the Westmoreland girls' basketball team was undefeated at home; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their outstanding Regional Championship, the Lady Eagles also secured District Tournament and Sectional Tournament championship honors to earn a berth in the Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles were led by Coach Cherie Abner to their sixth State Tournament appearance overall, but the team's first appearance in the tournament since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Coach Abner laid the groundwork for this remarkable season by sharing with the young women on the team her substantial knowledge of basketball, her many years of coaching and athletic experience, and her passion both for the sport of basketball and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Principal Dewayne Oldham and Athletic Director Robert E. Ferguson have contributed considerably to the team's success by most willingly providing their support to the girls' basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the basketball players at Westmoreland High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Eagles have inspired the student body and united the entire Westmoreland community in completing their triumphal run through the 2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Westmoreland Lady Eagles for winning 2003 TSSAA Region 4 Basketball Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Cherie Abner and the

Westmoreland High School Lady Eagles basketball team on their formidable legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their extraordinary championship season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.